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HONOLULU, HAWAII TERRITORY, THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17, 1907.

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## AMERICAN-HAWAIIAN CO. WOULD ADMIT HONOLULU TO STEAMER PARTNERSHIP

**President Dearborn Presents a Scheme to the  
Chamber of Commerce---Complains That  
Former Overtures Were Disregarded.**

"As we are proposing to go into partnership with your community in a business enterprise, we consider it only fair to present the conditions we must confront as they appear to us from our experience in the steamship business."—President Dearborn, of American-Hawaiian Steamship Co., to Chamber of Commerce.

Something definite on the transportation question from the American-Hawaiian Steamship Company the Chamber of Commerce was led to expect from a cablegram previously published, in reply to the letter from that body on the subject, the message announcing a communication from the company as being on the way. As already known, the Chamber had written to all of the large transportation companies doing business with Honolulu, inviting propositions from them for the relief of the damaging scarcity of passenger accommodations between San Francisco and Honolulu.

As a preliminary statement of the American-Hawaiian Steamship Company's position in the matter, the letter of President Dearborn from which the concluding sentiment is quoted above may be regarded as satisfactory. It is quite definite in evidence of readiness of the company to enter into negotiations with the business men of Honolulu for establishing a good local passenger service between here and San Francisco, as well as precise in laying down the outlines of a method of financing the scheme with Honolulu's participation and in presenting the business problems necessary for the negotiators to consider.

An important part of the communication from the company, it will be noted, is the enclosure of a copy of a proposal made by it to the Honolulu Merchants' Association about nineteen months before, which it appears received no consideration from that body so far as the American-Hawaiian people have been informed. President Dearborn's letter to the Chamber of Commerce and his former letter to the Merchants' Association are here presented:

New York, Oct. 2, 1907.  
H. P. Wood, Esq., Secretary Honolulu Chamber of Commerce, Honolulu, T. H.

Dear Sir: We are in receipt of your communication of August 29th, and the situation outlined in it as to the insufficient facilities for the transportation of passengers to the mainland is one that has had our consideration for some time, and which we have made a most serious effort to provide for. In evidence of this, we enclose copy of our letter to Mr. G. W. Smith, president of the Merchants Association, under date of March 5th, 1906, embodying a proposition for building and operating a passenger steamer, which was made at the request of a committee of the Merchants Association which called upon us, for which we were to supply the major part of the capital required; and although we had assurance from the committee that a proposition along these lines would meet with approval and support, to our surprise and regret it was not even considered.

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## JOHN H. BLISS DIED LAST NIGHT

**Retired Capitalist Succumbs to  
to Heart Disease---Loss  
Leaves Big Gap.**

John H. Bliss, who has been a resident of Honolulu for some years, a guest at the Moana Hotel, died suddenly last night of heart disease. There will be no funeral services held over the remains here, which will be cremated and forwarded to his former home in Erie, Pennsylvania.

Mr. Bliss, whose death is so greatly deplored, was born October 4, 1823 at Fort Howard, Green Bay, in what is now the State of Wisconsin. He was one of the first white children born there and was probably at the time of his death the oldest white native of that State.

Mr. Bliss was educated principally at Cincinnati, Ohio, where he studied mathematics and civil engineering, which he followed for two years from 1839. In 1843 he commenced the study of law and was admitted to the New York bar January 1, 1847. Later he was engaged in the manufacture of steam engines and became one of the principal owners of the Erie City Iron-works, one of the largest manufacturing plants in the United States.

He came of distinguished ancestry on both sides. His mother belonged to the celebrated Ellicott family and his father was Colonel John Bliss, of the United States Army, who served with distinction in the war of 1812.

Mr. Bliss was married twice. His first wife was Miss Mary Lovering, of Boston, who died shortly after their marriage. He afterwards married Miss Ellen Christie, daughter of Dr. Peter Christie, of the United States Navy.

Mr. Bliss had three children, Mrs. S. D. MacConnell, Mrs. L. D. de Witt and George T. Bliss, of Erie, Pennsylvania, besides many grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

On account of ill health Mr. Bliss had spent his time in Honolulu for several years where he had a large circle of warm and appreciative friends. His charities both in Erie, Pa., where his former home was, and in Honolulu, were varied and generous. His modesty often prevented his name appearing in public in this connection, but those who knew him understood his kind and generous heart, which always responded to the call of worthy charities.

He entered into the social atmosphere of his home as long as his health permitted and entertained lavishly. His sense of humor was proverbial and even up to the last day he kept those about him laughing at his jokes. On his birthday, which was celebrated ten days ago, he said to all his friends, who greeted him, that he never expected to see another, and his words have been fulfilled sooner than was anticipated.

In the death of Mr. Bliss there passed away a gentleman of the old school, whose place cannot be filled.

## PRELIMINARY REVIEW OF NATIONAL GUARD

A regimental drill and inspection of the National Guard was held last night in preparation for the official inspection by Governor Frear next week. The regiment assembled in full strength at the armory at eight o'clock and marched to Atkinson Park, where they were reviewed and put through a number of evolutions by Colonel Sam Johnson. Colonels Jones and Ziegler were present at the review and complimented the men and the officers on the excellent turnout.

For the first time last night the regiment marched to the music of the bugle corps, a recently organized branch of the Guards. The bugle corps consists of eight pieces and their martial music seemed to be an inspiration for the men, who marched last night apparently better than ordinarily.

## Cable Break Located

The cables ship Restorer has found the break in the cable. Her grappling appliances got hold of the cable sometime yesterday forenoon, a fact which became known to the station at Midway by means of the application of tests, though of course at that time the Restorer, not having brought the end of the cable aboard, was not able to communicate with Midway.

Late in the afternoon the progress of the delicate and difficult work the Restorer had to do had progressed so far that the Restorer was in communication, in some degree at least, with Midway.

It is expected that the work of splicing up the cable will be completed sometime today.

No information has been received as yet of the character of the trouble affecting the cable.

## TEXT OF THE AGREEMENT IN THE AFONG LITIGATION

**Document on File Shows the Manner in Which the Big  
Estate Is to Be Proportioned Out Among  
the Many Claimants.**

The agreement of compromise in the Afong case has been filed, in the circuit court. It is signed by Mrs. Afong and fourteen of her fifteen children, the missing signature being that of Tony Afong, of Macao, China.

Together with the compromise agreement is a copy of the proposed indenture drafted to carry out the agreement. This is signed by all of the parties in interest who are in the Islands, and it is said that the signatures of the others are being secured as fast as the mail will permit. The indenture follows the terms of the compromise agreement, but in much more formidable legal language. The agreement provides that Mrs. Riggs, Mrs. Magoon, Mrs. Humphreys and Mrs. McStocker are each to get \$10,000, and renounce all claim to any money which Mrs. Afong has received up to July 31st from the "Pepeekeo Trust," the 2000 shares of Pepeekeo stock in the hands of a trustee, and all the investments into which any of that money has gone. The indenture contains a list of these investments which make a fine line of gold-edge securities. The list is as follows, which indicates that Mrs. Afong has been a pretty good financier or has had the benefit of good financial advice:

- 2500 shares of Ewa Plantation Company stock.
- 300 shares of Hawaiian Sugar Company stock.
- 500 shares of Oahu Sugar Company stock.
- 155 shares of Pioneer Mill Company stock.
- 100 shares of Judd Building Company stock.
- 100 shares Anglo-California Bank stock.
- 10 shares of First National Bank of Chicago stock.
- 25 shares of National City Bank, New York, stock.
- 25 shares of Bank of Hawaii stock.
- And the following real estate:  
Property on Fort street conveyed to Mrs. Afong by Eliza Meek Richard.  
Property in Manoa valley conveyed by F. L. Dortch.  
Property in Pawa conveyed by W. C. Achi.  
Property in Pawa conveyed by Will E. Fisher.

Property on Merchant street conveyed by A. S. Humphreys and wife.

Property in Nuuanu valley conveyed by the Hawaiian government.

The agreement of compromise is as follows:

First: Mrs. Afong will pay to Mrs. McStocker, Mrs. Riggs, Mrs. Humphreys and Mrs. Magoon the sum of ten thousand (\$10,000) dollars each; and will also pay two thousand (\$2000) dollars attorneys' fees, and \$50 costs of court.

Second: All of the children of Mrs. Afong will assign and release to Mrs. Afong, by a conveyance agreeable to her counsel, all of their right, title, interest, claims and demands on account or in respect of, or growing out of, or in any way connected with, all moneys received by Mrs. Afong up to and including July 31, 1907, from the trustee of the "Pepeekeo Trust" and all income or instruments whatsoever derived from said moneys, whether said moneys, income or investments be "accumulations," "surplus income," or otherwise; and Mrs. McStocker, Mrs. Riggs, Mrs. Humphreys and Mrs. Magoon will release the estate of Mrs. Afong, in case of Mrs. Afong's death during their lifetime, from all such right, title, interest, claims and demands as her heirs at law or next of kin.

It is understood that the foregoing paragraph refers to and includes all moneys which, but for the existing injunction, should have been received by Mrs. Afong up to and including July 31st, 1907, whether now in the hands of the trustee or otherwise.

Third: Subject to and after the payment to herself of the full sum of six thousand (\$6000) dollars annually as a primary or first charge upon the entire future income derived and accruing from the "Pepeekeo Trust," from and after August 1st, 1907, Mrs. Afong will assign and release to her fifteen children, share and share alike, the said entire future income derived and accruing from said "Pepeekeo Trust," after said August 1st, 1907. Provided, however, that if in any fiscal year the total income from the said "Pepeekeo Trust" shall not equal the amount of said preferred claim of Mrs. Afong, to wit, said sum of six thousand (\$6000) dollars annually, then the whole of said income shall be paid to said Mrs. Afong, but no deficiency thereof shall be made up out of the income of or from any succeeding year; and provided further that payments of each year's income to said preferred claimant, to wit, said Mrs. Afong, under this agreement, shall be made at such times as funds shall be available therefor, and upon satisfaction in full of said preferred claims the remainder of each

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## COL. GAEDKE PROPHESES PEACE IN THE PACIFIC

LONDON, October 5.—Col. Gaedke, the eminent military authority, writing on the situation in the Pacific between the United States and Japan, points out the danger of the impending visit of the American fleet to the Pacific without coaling stations.

Were Japan really bent on mischief, she could have no better opportunity than the present. Thoughts of war, Col. Gaedke says, are not engaging the attention of the Mikado's circumspect ministers. They much complain of the treatment of the Japanese on the Pacific Coast, but diplomacy and financial consideration weigh heavier in the balance.

Col. Gaedke, after a close comparison of the fleets of Japan and Amer-

ica, eliminating all useless vessels from both fleets, says Japan has only 145,000 tons of warships against America's 226,000 tons. Japan, however, has the prestige of experience, of high moral attributes and of splendid geographical position. Against these advantages America can set her inexhaustible wealth in money and men.

Time, he says, works for America's ultimate supremacy in the Pacific. Japan can not fight at present. Nothing, in Gaedke's view, would induce her to face the terrible risks of war with America. Voicing the military opinion of Germany, Gaedke is certain the present generation will see peace maintained in the Pacific, and after thirty years more America will be invulnerable all along the western littoral.

## TAFT STILL THINKS PHILIPPINES WILL GET ULTIMATE INDEPENDENCE

**But Not During Present Generation --- Hopes  
for Conservative Legislation From the  
New Assembly.**

(Associated Press Cablegrams.)

MANILA, October 17.—Osmena, ex-governor of the province of Cebu, was elected president of the Philippine assembly after the formal opening exercises, presided over by Secretary of War Taft.

Secretary Taft, in the speech made by him before the assembly, stated that his views regarding the ultimate independence of the Philippines were unchanged, but he said that he did not believe that the Filipinos would be fitted for entire self-government and independence during the present generation. He denied that the United States had any intention of disposing of the Philippine Islands by sale to any foreign power. He expressed his belief that the Filipino members of the Legislature would be conservative in whatever legislation was enacted.

## KOREAN EMPEROR WELCOMES JAPANESE CROWN PRINCE

SEOUL, Korea, October 17.—The Japanese Crown Prince was welcomed on his arrival here yesterday by the Korean Emperor and the Korean nobility, the city being illuminated in honor of the royal visitor.

A British editor of one of the publications here was arrested before the reception for having incited the Koreans to riot as a protest against the Japanese occupation of the Kingdom. He was warned that any repetition of the offense would bring about his deportation.

## UNION IRON WORKS MAY BE CLOSED DOWN

SAN FRANCISCO, October 17.—Charles M. Schwab, director of the United States Steel Corporation, arrived here yesterday from New York to make an inspection of the Union Iron Works with a view of a possible closing up of these works. He declares that the works have lost two million dollars in their contracts for the last three warships turned out.

## JAPANESE DIET WILL MEET ON CHRISTMAS

TOKIO, October 17.—The Japanese Diet has been summoned to meet on Christmas day.

## FLOOD DAMAGE MANY MILLIONS.

BARCELONA, October 17.—The damage done throughout Spain by the recent floods has amounted to sixteen million dollars.

## SEISMOGRAPHS RECORD HEAVY SHOCK.

ALBANY, New York, October 16.—An unusually violent and prolonged earthquake was recorded by the seismograph here today. The disturbance was apparently about three thousand miles to the southwest. The continued heavy tremors were recorded, also, at Washington, D. C., and elsewhere. The various seismographs agree that the violent vibrations began about 9:14 o'clock this morning.

## EDITOR OLDER WANTS BIG DAMAGES.

SAN FRANCISCO, October 16.—Fremont Older, editor of the Bulletin, who was kidnaped by Attorney Porter Ashe and Detective Burns and others, has instituted suit for damages in the sum of \$100,250 against those implicated in spiriting him away.

## PHILIPPINE LEGISLATURE OPENED BY TAFT.

MANILA, October 16.—Secretary of War Taft, welcomed here yesterday with all honors, today formally opened the Philippine Assembly.

## LIVES LOST IN EUROPEAN STORM.

PARIS, October 16.—Disastrous storms are occurring in Southern Europe, and a number of lives have been lost.

## ANOTHER REPRIEVE FOR KEIZO.

A further reprieve will be granted to Morita Keizo, a Japanese murderer under sentence of death in the Oahu prison, whose long delayed execution had been set for October 25. Keizo's case has been carried to the Supreme Court of the United States and is pending there, being one of the matters which will be argued by Assistant Attorney General Prosser in a short time before the Supreme Court.

## CAPT. MILTON FOR MARE ISLAND.

VALLEJO, October 8.—It was reported at the Mare Island Yard this afternoon that Captain J. B. Milton of the flagship West Virginia is to be ordered to Mare Island as captain of the yard under Commandant J. S. Phelps, and that Captain A. McCracken, who is at present in charge, will be ordered to sea. Captain Milton is well known at Mare Island. He was equipment officer at the yard some time ago.